



University of  
South Australia

# Research Degrees for International Students

Experience. The Difference.

## Start today. Make a difference tomorrow.

Research at the University of South Australia (UniSA) is exciting and dynamic, continually extending the boundaries of knowledge and its applications. Our commitment to building strong research partnerships with industry, government, and community organisations has reinforced UniSA's position as an engaged and innovative university.

### Research Degrees at UniSA

UniSA offers Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Professional Doctorate by Research and Masters by Research Programs.

In 2009, one third of all UniSA research degree students are international students, making us one of Australia's most intensive universities for international research degree students.

At UniSA you will experience:

- World-class research
- A vibrant research culture
- Expert supervisors
- Exemplary student support services
- A range of scholarship opportunities

UniSA has been rated above the national average for supervision quality, intellectual climate and infrastructure by our graduating research degree students.

### Research at UniSA

Research at UniSA is about creating and applying knowledge. With a strong focus on excellent, multidisciplinary and collaborative research the university works with industry, the professions, governments and communities around the world to find innovative solutions to applied problems.

UniSA is a key partner in nine Cooperative Research Centres and has an international reputation for research excellence. Since 2000, UniSA has been awarded more than AUD\$200 million in research funding.

### Research strengths and expertise

UniSA's research institutes are internationally recognised for the calibre of their research.

The **Ian Wark Research Institute** conducts research across four sectors: Bio and Polymer Interfaces, Colloids and Nanostructures, Materials and Environmental Surface Science, and Mineral Processing.  
[www.unisa.edu.au/iwri](http://www.unisa.edu.au/iwri)

The **Institute for Telecommunications Research** specialises in wireless communication technology, including fixed and mobile satellite and terrestrial based applications.  
[www.itr.unisa.edu.au](http://www.itr.unisa.edu.au)

The **Hawke Research Institute for Sustainable Societies** conducts world class cross-disciplinary research in the humanities and social sciences that supports an ecologically diverse and sustainable world.  
[www.unisa.edu.au/hawkeinstitute](http://www.unisa.edu.au/hawkeinstitute)

The **Sansom Institute** brings together internationally recognised research concentrations in quality use of medicines and pharmacy practice, pharmaceutical science and molecular medicine.  
[www.unisa.edu.au/sansominstitute](http://www.unisa.edu.au/sansominstitute)

The **Ehrenberg-Bass Institute for Marketing Science** conducts research into advertising, brand equity, marketing metrics and buyer behaviour, pricing, media, and sustainable marketing.  
[www.unisa.edu.au/ehrenberg-bass](http://www.unisa.edu.au/ehrenberg-bass)

The **Institute for Sustainable Systems and Technologies** serves industry needs in research, development, consulting, testing, monitoring and delivering short courses in the built environment and sustainable development area.  
[www.unisa.edu.au/isst](http://www.unisa.edu.au/isst)

[www.unisa.edu.au/resdegrees](http://www.unisa.edu.au/resdegrees)

## UniSA's research centres conduct research in:

- advanced computing
- applied psychological research
- defence and complex systems
- environmental risk assessment and remediation
- innovative technologies to support manufacturing and the automotive and defence industries
- languages and cultures
- nutritional physiology
- regulation and market analysis
- rural health and community development
- sleep research
- structural and synchrotron studies
- sustainable urban environments
- water management and reuse
- work and life

### Expert Supervisors

Effective research supervision is integral to a quality research education experience. All research degree supervisors at UniSA are active members of the Register of Postgraduate Research Degree Supervisors.

Research degree students are supervised in accordance with the Code of good practice: Research degrees management and supervision.

### Student Support Services

UniSA is recognised for providing exemplary support services to international students.

UniSA offers over 100 on-campus and online workshops covering a range of topics, including:

- Academic writing for English as an additional language students
- Research methodology
- Ethics and compliance
- Research management

UniSA also provides:

- Academic librarians
- Research Education Advisers
- International Student Officers
- Research Degree Officers
- Counselling and disability services
- Student support groups

### Scholarship Opportunities

A range of scholarships are available for high calibre research degree candidates. These typically include tuition fees, a living allowance and overseas health cover.

Short-term travel grants are also available to support overseas data collection and institutional visits for current students.

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### Applying for a Research Degree at UniSA

Apply online at:

[www.unisa.edu.au/resdegrees/howtoapply](http://www.unisa.edu.au/resdegrees/howtoapply)

#### Step 1

Check that you meet the English language requirements

#### Step 2

Check that you meet the admission criteria

#### Step 3

Find a research degree program

#### Step 4

Find a supervisor

#### Step 5

Find a scholarship

#### Step 6

Organise supporting statements

#### Step 7

Complete the online application form

#### Step 8

Provide relevant documentation

### Further information:

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